

the association's scholarship program and oversees the daily functions of the center.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing Mr. James Siciliano as he is honored by the Italian American Memorial Association and thanking him for his countless contributions to the community.

HONORING THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Older Americans Act 50th Anniversary. Originally passed in 1965, the Older Americans Act ensures that older individuals and their caregivers have access to a wide array of services. Aside from Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, services such as community-based care, meal delivery, health prevention programs, and elder rights protection are just a few of the many vital programs that the Older Americans Act provides.

The population age 65 and over increased by 24.7 percent between 2003 and 2013 and the number of individuals in need of aging programs continues to rise. Nearly 50 million older Americans and Americans with disabilities rely on Medicare coverage and more than 70 million individuals depend on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program for their health care needs. Nearly 42 million Americans receive Social Security retirement benefits and for 6 out of 10 seniors, Social Security provides most of their income. I strongly believe in solvent Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security systems that give older Americans the security they need.

As for the impact of the community and social services provided by the Older Americans Act, the aging network serves an average of 11 million people each year. For example, over a five year period, 130 million rides to doctors' offices, grocery stores, and other locations were provided. More than 1 billion meals were served and 95 percent of those served would recommend the nutrition program. Nearly 20 million hours of case management, over 60 million hours of homemaker services, and more than 30 million hours of respite care were provided, helping older adults continue to live in their own homes. Through the Senior Community Service Employment Program, more than 200,000 participants provided almost 248 million hours of community service, effectively allowing seniors to give back to their community.

As the Baby Boomer Generation enters the 65 and over age bracket and the average life expectancy lengthens, it is clear that we cannot afford a shortage of services. As we celebrate the Older Americans Act 50th Anniversary, we must also keep in mind that these services often end up on the chopping block. On this historic day, I hope that we can all work together to find ways to continue to provide these vital services to our older Americans.

CONGRATULATING THE CHAMOIS HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chamois High School on its Bronze Medal Award as a top Missouri High School from U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Chamois High School for a job well done.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Texas A&M University has recently announced the new Texas A&M-Chevron Engineering Academies at two year colleges across Texas, including Houston Community College. This allows more students to receive a high quality engineering degree. The Texas Workforce Commission projects that by 2022 the state of Texas will need 62,000 more engineers, and this program is one of the ways Texas is going to get there.

In this program, students can complete their first two years of core classes at HCC and be granted full emission into Texas A&M to complete their major specific classes. Students will be able to learn in smaller environments for a fraction of the price. It combines the best from both schools, the atmospheres and learning setting. HCC already offers a wide variety of engineering majors, and now with A&Ms majors available to them, the possibilities for these students are endless.

Texas A&M is one of the top engineering programs not only in the state of Texas, not only in the country, but the world. Much like the 19th century British empire, the sun never sets in Aggieland, for they have campuses set all over the world.

Houston Community College has 60,000 students annually and serves Houston as one of the top schools to earn a degree from. This partnership is ensuring that more students have access to a top engineering education and the connections they make through this will benefit not only them, but our future economy and industrial developments throughout the world.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING OUR NATION'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the invaluable contribution to public safety made by community corrections professionals in the United States and throughout the world. Every year, the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) and its allied members set aside a week to honor these valued public servants, and this year, they have chosen July 12–18 to mark Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2015. I am proud to stand in support of corrections professionals not only in the District of Columbia but around the world.

In the nation's capital, thousands of women and men serve as pretrial, probation and parole officers or administrators. As public servants, these constituents, along with many other Americans, commit themselves on a daily basis to helping improve the lives of those involved in the criminal justice system. Mr. Speaker, the work of these professionals ultimately results in stronger and safer communities for all.

Community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in communities throughout our nation. In many cases, these trained professionals go above and beyond the call of duty by providing their clients supportive services or referrals to critical community-based resources, employment opportunities and housing programs. Additionally, community corrections professionals provide services, support, and protection for victims, while continuously promoting the importance of crime prevention and restorative justice.

In honor of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2015, I recognize, in particular, the community corrections and supervision services carried out here in the District of Columbia by the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA). CSOSA and PSA stand out as model community supervision agencies due to both their professionalism and their novel, partnership-based approach to reentry and public safety in the District of Columbia.

On any given day, CSOSA is responsible for supervising approximately 12,000 individuals on probation, parole or supervised release, whereas PSA supervises roughly 20,000 defendants. Charged with having to balance issues of public safety with social services and reentry support, the employees of CSOSA and PSA help to enhance the security of everyone that lives, works or visits the District of Columbia.

I extend my gratitude to these public servants for their commitment, compassion and contributions to healthier and safer communities throughout the District of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in acknowledging the impact community corrections professionals have on the quality of life of so many Americans, and recognizing July 12–18 as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2015.

CONGRATULATING THE LAKE COUNTY VETERANS AND FAMILY SERVICES FOUNDATION ON THE OPENING OF THE NEW DRYHOOTCH DROP-IN CENTER AND OFFICES

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation (LCVFSF) of Grayslake, Illinois on the opening of their new Dryhootch Drop-In Center and Offices on July 16, 2015. The new center provides a welcoming atmosphere for active service members, veterans, and their families to come and enjoy a cup of coffee, meet others who have shared their military experience, or learn more about the many services available to them through LCVFSF from a veteran peer specialist.

The new facility was made possible through a joint partnership between LCVFSF and Dryhootch of America—a nonprofit organization formed by combat veterans to help veterans in their return home. Dryhootch was envisioned as a place where veterans could gather informally in a drug and alcohol free coffeehouse environment that is safe and comfortable. LCVFSF's goal is to make veterans' transition to civilian life easier and safer by providing support from those who have been there in the past. Their vision is to embed 100 percent free and confidential care for Lake County veterans, reservists, guardsmen, and their families—regardless of their discharge status—into the community through a network of veteran volunteers, veteran peer-to-peer specialists, and critical community resources.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the LCVFSF Board of Directors and staff on the opening of this new facility to help veterans and families in their time of need. I look forward to working with them in the future as they bring employment and peer support services to the veterans of Illinois' 10th District.

CONGRATULATING BLAIR OAKS HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Blair Oaks High School on its Bronze Medal Award as a top Missouri High School from U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Blair Oaks High School for a job well done.

HONORING MARÍA DEHARO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF MIGRANT EDUCATION FOR THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Deharo on her well-deserved retirement as Director of Migrant Education, after 35 years of educational service in various capacities in Coachella Valley, especially on behalf of migrant farmworkers families and children in Riverside County.

For more than thirty years, Mrs. Deharo dedicated both her career and her life to improving the lives of hundreds of migrant children and their families. In the face of adversity, and despite a chronic lack of resources, Mrs. Deharo has successfully helped students graduate from high school and attend college, enhancing not only their lives, but their community as a whole.

Mrs. Deharo's involvement with students goes beyond the classroom. She routinely participated in countless student and family events, from after-school tutoring and summer college institutes, to home visits. Mrs. Deharo vision to bring services to students in their communities became a reality when she fought and received funding for a bookmobile, which helps migrant children and families by strengthening their literacy skills through computer training, story time, arts and crafts and free books.

In her long and successful career, Mrs. Deharo, worked as a teacher for ten years at the Coachella Valley Unified School District, she was a School Facilitator for three years, Bilingual Coordinator for three years, and a Principal for 9 years. Mrs. Deharo also served as the Riverside County Office of Education Director of Migrant Education for 11 years. As proof of her achievement and leadership, county offices and district from across the great state of California have requested her assistance with their migrant education programs.

Mrs. Deharo understands firsthand the difficulties that these children face. Having someone like Mrs. Deharo by our side is a blessing and an inspiration to achieve the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the thousands of children and families that had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Deharo, and the residents of California's 36th Congressional District, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks and congratulate Mrs. Deharo for her passion and pride for educational excellence. I wish her well in her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING MAINE VETERAN SAMUEL ALDERETE FOR HEROIC SERVICE IN WWII

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents—94-year-

old Samuel Alderete of Topsham, Maine—on receiving the prestigious French Legion of Honour and to applaud the courageous actions for which it is being awarded.

As a young Army warrant officer in WWII, Mr. Alderete fought his way across France, Belgium, and Germany with the 980th Field Artillery Battalion. He fought in and survived the infamous Battle of the Bulge. The actions of Mr. Alderete and his brothers in arms, many of whom didn't make it home, directly contributed to the liberation of France. I sincerely thank the French Government for recognizing Mr. Alderete and other American veterans who fought to save the French people.

I am deeply grateful for Mr. Alderete's brave service—both in WWII and his later combat experience in Korea—and also admire him for exhibiting the kind of humility that characterizes the Maine veterans I've had the pleasure of meeting. When asked for any heroic actions or battles he participated in, Mr. Alderete simply replies, "Nothing heroic. Just soldiered in combat."

Despite Mr. Alderete's assertion, Mr. Speaker, I find his actions to be quite heroic. He fought with courage and honor at great personal danger, in terrible conditions, far from home. The 70 years that have passed since then have done nothing to diminish his distinguished service. I wholeheartedly congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved honor from the French people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during roll call vote number 434 on July 13, 2015, due to a flight delay.

On roll call vote no. 434 I would have voted YES.

HONORING ALBUQUERQUE SOL

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend all those involved in assembling a remarkable and successful professional international soccer match that took place in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Saturday, June 27, 2015 between Lobos de la BUAP of Ascenso, Mexico and Albuquerque Sol Football Club (FC) of the Premier Development League.

The Sore No More Summer Clasico was organized by PinVaca & Associates, LLC, a local sports marketing firm committed to bringing quality sporting events to New Mexico. Under the leadership of New Mexico State Representative Antonio "Moe" Maestas, a local company which manufactures and distributes a natural pain relieving gel, "Sore No More," agreed to be the title sponsor.

Professional Club de Futbol Lobos de la Benemerita Universidad Autonoma de Puebla is based in Puebla, Mexico and is a professional team representing the Autonomous University of Puebla. The club conducted a youth